

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were presented for examination and stand rejected. Applicants thank Examiner Ting Zhou for the courtesy that she extended during the telephonic interview conducted on March 22, 2005 with Applicants' representatives Amir Raubvogel and Rimma Budnitskaya. Independent claim 1 was discussed in view of the prior art of record. During the interview, Examiner Zhou agreed that claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26 are not anticipated by Ghassabian. Ghassabian does not disclose or suggest the elements recited in the claims; for example, there is no hint or suggestion of the following elements recited in claim 1 as amended herein:

“a first button to cause a cursor to navigate within a menu when no selection command has been received for the menu and to highlight a desired menu item within the menu; and
a second button, wherein:
when the cursor is highlighting one of the menus or a first menu item in a menu of the plurality of menus, the second button causes the cursor to navigate from one menu to another; and
when the cursor is highlighting a menu item other than the first menu item in a menu of the plurality of menus, and no selection command has been received for the menu, the second button causes the cursor to navigate within the menu.”

Per Examiner's suggestion, claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26 have been amended to specifically recite that “a menu” is of the plurality of menus.

In view of the above, the Examiner agreed in the interview to withdraw the outstanding rejection of all claims based on Ghassabian.

Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-25, and 27-30 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26 respectively and derive their patentability from the independent claim from which they depend, in addition to reciting their patentable features.

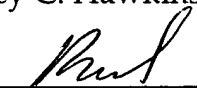
Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-30, as presented herein, are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference (including references cited, but not applied). Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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